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1. The National Pyongbuk Fishing Company, which operates in the Yongch'on-nyon (124-21, 39-55) (XE 1519) area of North Korea, has 13 Chinese-style fishing boats, five of which were under repair. The monthly catch of the company is about 132,000 pounds of fish, almost all of which is sent to Sinuiju.

2. in the Yongch'on-nyon area of North Korea, rice, grain, and cigarettes were being issued by the government as monthly rations. The food ration was about half rice and half other grain, and was roughly sufficient to fill an individual's requirements for three weeks, while the cigarette ration lasted the average person about two weeks. There was no food shortage among the employees of fishing companies, and those who appeared to be suffering most from a lack of food were the small farmers and laborers, including laborers regularly employed.

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